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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1235

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 4, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Limitation on School Starting Date.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lehe

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits public schools and accredited nonpublic schools from beginning student instructional days for a school year before September 1, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. It excludes a year-round school, a school that has a balanced calendar of quarters, and a school that coordinates the school's calendar with that of a postsecondary educational institution.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provision changing the start and ending dates of the school year should have no impact on state expenditures. Schools would still be required to have at least 180 days of instruction per year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: There could be some impact on schools depending on how the school structures the calendar. The number of teacher contract days are not changed by the bill. Schools would still operate the same number of days. There could be some reduction in heating and cooling costs depending on when school is held. For FY 2011, schools spent about \$121.4 M on heating and cooling of schools.

Background: The following chart shows the school start dates for the 2011-2012 school year. The number of schools listed in the chart is greater than the number of school corporations and charter schools in the state. Eleven school corporations have multiple start dates for schools within their corporation, and there are 25 schools that have year round calendars.

School Start Date	# Schools
7/20/2011	1
7/25/2011	2
7/28/2011	2
8/1/2011	3
8/2/2011	3
8/3/2011	6
8/4/2011	3
8/8/2011	16
8/9/2011	12
8/10/2011	28
8/11/2011	30
8/12/2011	12
8/15/2011	56
8/16/2011	92
8/17/2011	41
8/18/2011	9
8/19/2011	12
8/22/2011	12
8/23/2011	7
8/24/2011	17
8/25/2011	5
8/29/2011	5
8/31/2011	1
9/6/2011	2
# Schools With Different Start Dates	377
% Between 8/8 and 8/12	26%
% Between 8/15 and 8/19	56%

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education.

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